quickly as possible. In a number of cases the progress has been hampered on account of on receipt of complete data for the entire relevant period. The companies have been informed that in case they do not supply the data, the Government would be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data becomes available from wherever. Only after finalising the liabilities their cases would be referred to the Collector for realisation of amount due as arreas of land revenue. There is no question of flouting of directions in this regard. The details of liabilities worked out in each case were given in the statement referred to in reply to part (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 142 answered on 3.12.1992.

(c) and (f) The case of recovery against M/s Sandoz was referred to the Collector for realisation of amount due with interest as arrears of land revenue. Thereafter M/s Sandoz have got a stay Order from the Bombay High Court/ Supreme Court. Recovery certificate, would be sent to the Collector at the appropriate time in the other cases, keeping in view the stay orders, other orders etc. of the Courts.

Sale of Haldia Fertilizers Plant

2637. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell the Haldia Fertilizer plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated liability of the project;

(d) the manner in which Government propose to put on sale the project; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to rehabilitate the employees that would be rendered unemployed as a consequence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHIMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) While various possibilities of rehabilitating/restructuring of Haldia Fertilizer Project as part of the larger problem of rehabilitating the parent company, i.e. Hindustan Fertilizer corporation (HFC) are being explored, particularly in the context of reference to BIFR, no specific decision to sell the Haldia Project has been taken.

(c) Upto November, 1992 an amount of Rs. 697.46 crores has been incurred on the Haldia Fertilizer Project.

(d) In view of the reply to parts (a), (b) & (d) above, the question does not arise.

Quota of foodrains and essential commodities of the States

@2638. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to improve the management of foodgrains and other essential commodities through public distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of shortfall in the total subsidy;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce administrative overheads of total subsidy; and

(c) the break-up of the composition of total subsidy for the last three years?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e) Strengthening and streamlining of Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continu-